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24-HOUR REPORT**9 OCTOBER 2018****(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Mountain View –Data Exposure Affects Hundreds of Thousands**

(U) A vulnerability in the Google+ social network exposed the personal data of hundreds of thousands of people using the site between 2015 and March 2018. Google said it found no evidence of data misuse. As part of the response to the incident, Google plans to shut down the social network permanently. The company didn't disclose the vulnerability when it fixed it in March 2018 because the company didn't want to invite regulatory scrutiny. Google said it found the bug as part of an internal review called Project Strobe, an audit started earlier this year that examines access to user data from Google accounts by third-party software developers. The bug gave apps access to information on a person's Google+ profile that can be marked as private. That includes details like email addresses, gender, age, images, relationship statuses, places lived and occupations.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [CNET](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Minnesota – Six Cases of Rare Polio-Like Illness Confirmed**

(U) Saint Paul – Doctors and parents are on alert because of a recent spike among children in a mysterious and rare disorder that causes polio-like symptoms and even paralysis. The Minnesota Department of Health sees zero to one cases of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) per year on average. The state is now reporting six children diagnosed since September. The CDC says AFM presents like polio or West Nile. Symptoms include weakness, loss of muscle tone, facial droop, difficulty swallowing, slurred speech and in severe cases paralysis. The CDC said there have been 362 cases of AFM recorded in the US from 2014 to 2018.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [ABC 7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Egypt – Military Kills 52 Suspected Militants**

(U) Cairo – Egyptian security forces killed 52 suspected militants in North Sinai, the military said in a statement yesterday. Security forces launched a large-scale operation in February 2018 to crush militants who have waged an insurgency that has killed hundreds of security forces and residents over many years. Half of the militants were killed in al-Arish, the capital of North Sinai province. Militants in Sinai intensified their attacks after the ousting by President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and the military in 2013 of Egypt's first freely elected president, Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Italy – Police ID Suspect in 2013 NASA Hack

(U) Rome – Italian authorities say they have placed a 25-year-old under investigation for allegedly hacking eight NASA web domains in 2013. Italy's postal police, who handles cybercrime investigations, said the suspect was allegedly a member of a group called Master Italian Hackers Team and boasted of

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the hack on social media. In addition to NASA sites, police said the unnamed suspect also hacked some 60 Italian institutional sites, including those of state-run broadcaster RAI, the penitentiary police and some provincial sites in Tuscany. A police statement said the suspect, who hails from the northern city of Salo, admitted to hacking the sites after being presented with evidence.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [AP News](#)

(U) Libya – Egyptian Extremist Captured

(U) Darnah – Security forces have captured one of Egypt's most wanted jihadists. Hisham al-Ashmawy, a former army officer, is accused of being behind several deadly attacks in Egypt and an attempt against a top state official. Ashmawy was arrested in the Al-Maghar neighborhood and was wearing an explosive vest but was unable to detonate it. Egyptian officials say Ashmawy was behind the attempted assassination of then Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim in May 2013, and the killing of the country's top public prosecutor in a car bomb in 2015.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [BBC](#)

(U) Turkey – 90 Detained for Alleged Links to Kurdish Militants

(U) Ankara – Turkish authorities detained 90 people over suspected links to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militant group. The pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) had said that 140 of its members had been detained over the previous three days, and that the detentions were politically motivated. Turkey's government accuses the HDP of links to the PKK, which is designated a terrorist organization by the United States, Turkey and the European Union. The HDP denies such links.

SOURCE: 8 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

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